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COLORED WOMAN IS MURDERED

Husband Puts Arm Around Her and Stabs Her to Death on Streets Saturday Night

Haly Taul Kemper, colored, was stabbed to death Saturday night by her husband Geo. Kemper, but who goes under a number of different names. From the best information we can get it seems that the man came up to his wife and drew a large knife from his pocket and said "See this knife? Well I am going to kill you with this" and the woman is said to have replied "Go on, you haven't got nerve enough to kill anybody." With this the man stepped up to her and placing his left arm around her shoulders held her and stabbed her several times killing her almost instantly. He then turned and ran and up to the time of our going to press had not been captured. This is one of the most horrible crimes that has been committed in this city in many years and when captured the most extreme penalty should be given the murderer. It is reported that earlier in the week the man had badly beaten the woman and knocked her in the head with a skillet. Kemper is a strange negro in this section and is said to have come from Tennessee where he had the reputation of being a "bad" negro.

TO MARRY PARIS MAN.

Mrs. Manye Harper and Mr. Strander Paynter of Paris will be married tonight at Lexington. The Rev. Mark Collis will perform the ceremony.

Miss Harper has lived here for a number of years and by her pleasant affable manner has endeared herself to a large number of friends who will be interested in this announcement. The wedding which is to be a very quiet affair will take place at the residence of Mrs. J. D. Foster a sister of the groom. Mr. Paynter is known to but few of the people of this city but is said to be a splendid gentleman. The Advocate joins friends in extending best wishes.

OLD LADY DIES.

Mrs. Katherine Wills, of Means, Ky., widow of the late Nim Wills died at her home near Means, Ky. Friday of the infirmities incident to her advanced age. She was a member of the Baptist Church and was a woman greatly loved by all who knew her. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon by Rev. J. A. Amburgey with burial in the family cemetery.

DIES IN LEXINGTON

Mr. William Langston, son of Mr. Joe W. Langston died at a Lexington hospital Sunday morning after a protracted illness. His body was brought to this city Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning by Rev. Clyde Darsie of the Christian church assisted by Rev. B. W. Trimble with burial in Machpelah Cemetery. Mr. Langston was a painter by trade and up until a few months ago made his home in Lexington but when his health became bad he moved here in the hope that the change would prove beneficial, however he gradually grew worse and he was finally taken to Lexington for treatment, but to no avail.

Will Langston was a good natured, wholesome man and the news of his death will be received with sorrow. Besides his father and several brothers and sisters he is survived by his wife and four children all of whom have the sympathy of the entire community.

RETURNS TO BANK.

Mr. C. B. Patterson, for several years cashier of the Mt. Sterling National Bank but who resigned several months ago to accept the position as Field Representative of the Chemical Bank of New York City has resigned his position with that institution and has returned to the Mt. Sterling National as Vice-President. Mr. Patterson during his years of service with the bank made many friends who will be pleased to learn of his return to this city.

PAXTON ON THE JOB.

Mr. Claude Paxton, formerly of this city but who has been living at Huntington, W. Va. for some time has returned to this city and has been appointed Agent of the Adams Express Company. Mr. Paxton has had many years experience in this character of work and being competent and of a genial, happy disposition will make a splendid man for the place. We welcome Capt. Paxton and his good wife back home.

ARRIVED IN FRANCE.

The following letter was received from a well known colored man who is serving his country in France.

Dearest Mother—I am well and getting along fine. We are having some fine weather. I will send you some money after the next pay day. It will get there soon. Love to all the folks at home.

Write to me as often as possible.

From
ASA MAGOWAN,
Co. C 515 Engis. Sq. Bn. A. E. F.

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COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Adjourns After Busy Session Covering Nearly a Month. Spent did Showing Made

After a session covering nearly a month of arduous labor, the County Board of Supervisors has adjourned. To comply with the demand of the State Tax Commission a raise of ten per cent will be necessary on real estate and tangible personal property, to increase the valuations one million dollars.

The statement of the local board members to the State Tax Commission, is of public interest, and is as follows:

"Mt. Sterling, Ky., May 29, 1918. Kentucky State Tax Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Gentlemen:

"Having finished our labors, we beg to leave to submit for your consideration the following facts:

"When we convened, we found that the assessment for this county was in a very bad condition, due to a combination of circumstances. As is known by the members of your commission, the County Assessor, Mr. James T. Barnes, was stricken with small-pox during the very time he ought to have been performing his duties and was confined to his home for many weeks. This necessitated his calling to his aid a number of friends to assist him in their several communities. These men were appointed Deputies; they had little, if any previous experience and little knowledge of the provisions of the new tax laws. No two of them worked upon the same basis, in fact no system or plan seems to have been followed. As a result many inequitable assessments were made and irregularities in large numbers were found by us. To equalize one taxpayer with another, we were compelled to and did reduce many assessments as well as raise many.

"In doing our work we have endeavored to do justice to every taxpayer and at the same time perform our duty with fidelity to the County and State.

"Our assessment as presented to us was as follows:

The recapitulation as shown by the Assessor's return (the exemptions and intangible personally having been deducted) \$8,741,105
Total net increase less on "Intangible" 179,385

Total on lands, townlots and tangible \$8,920,485

The assessment as finally completed by us is as follows:

Grand total—recapitulation \$10,208,645

Grand net increase 296,929

Grand total assessment \$10,505,574

"In your valued favor of April 4, 1918 you indicated that any shortage could be covered by a flat increase rather than summon every taxpayer in the county before us. "To bring our assessment up to your requirements would necessitate an increase of 10 per cent on \$8,920,485.00, which sum represents the total assessment on lands, townlots and tangible personal property, which said increase would be in actual figures \$1,071,433.00, including the raise of \$179,385.00 as put on by the Board.

"In all due deference and in view of the handsome increase already shown in our assessment, as finally passed upon by us, as compared with last year, we are yet hopeful that your Commission can see its way clear not to exact of us a further increase.

However, if your action is final, then we suggest that the required increase be had by applying a flat increase, as above mentioned.

With utmost respect, we are,
A. L. TIPTON,
ROBT. HOWELL,
C. E. DUFF,
J. F. RICHARDSON,
BEN W. HALL,
THOS. N. COONS.

Members County Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County

W. S. S.
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NO NEW TRIAL FOR P. C. EUBANK

Court Overrules Motion of Defendant Who Will Take Case to Court of Appeals

Circuit Judge William A. Young Monday overruled the motion of Porter C. Eubank for a new trial and the attorneys for the defendant announced their intention of carrying the case to the Court of Appeals. On their motion they were given until the third day of the October term of the Montgomery Circuit Court in which to prepare and file bill of exceptions. The case will then go to the Court of Appeals and will likely be docketed at the January term. In the meantime the defendant will remain in jail here. The grounds for a new trial were that the Court upon the trial excluded competent evidence offered by the defendant and mis-instructed the jury, to his prejudice. He was represented upon the hearing of Hon. E. P. Morrow of Somerset, Judge C. C. Turner of Frankfort and Mr. C. W. Nesbit of the local bar, while Commonwealth's Attorney Hamilton was assisted by Messrs. R. A. Chiles and W. B. White.

Due to the prominence of the parties the court room was well filled with interested spectators. Mr. Eubank was convicted for the killing of Mr. Henry Ringo by a jury selected from citizens of Madison county and was given sentence of ten years, at the last January term of court.

* HOW THEY STAND TODAY *
* Following is the standing of *
* the contestants in the big *
* prize race up to 10 a. m. *
* Tuesday. Clip the 50 vote *
* coupons from the paper—sub- *
* scribe to The Advocate—renew *
* your subscription—vote for *
* your favorite. Votes given *
* free on all subscriptions. *

District No. 1

Mrs. C. P. Pierce43975
Miss Clara Stamper23950
Miss Carolyn Ratliff36775
Miss Mamie Shields33050
Miss Arris Chiles31475
Mrs. Allen D. Prewitt, R. 38025
Miss Martha Snelling, R. 330875
Miss Ruth E. Day43975
Mrs. Emma Walker, R. 431700
Mrs. Lewis Myers, R. 46950
Miss Josephine Shackelford43975

District No. 2

Mrs. Allie McCormick, R. 66850
Miss Lethia Turley, R. 15150
Miss Daisy Rose, R. 618750
Miss Clemma Clark, R. 239675
Miss Laura Bramlett, R. 25300
Miss Pearl Williams, R. 53850
Miss Viola Hinson, R. 216050
Miss Zora Finney, R. 538025

LEVEE, KY.

Miss Mary Bell Monroe42550

WINCHESTER, KY.

Miss Martha Jones, R. 343975

NORTH MIDDLETOWN

Miss Maggie Henry32900

OWINGSVILLE, KY.

Miss Frances Snedegar6150

Miss Grace Cooks6500

SHARPSBURG, KY.

Miss Axie McCord4050

If there is any mistake in the count of any contestant's votes up to the present date, it must be called to the attention of the Campaign Manager before next Monday night. Otherwise the standing as published today must be taken as correct.

TAKES NEW JOB.

Mr. Robert Collier, assistant cashier of the Mt. Sterling National Bank has resigned and has accepted a position with I. F. Tabb the local grain, coal and seed merchant. Mr. Collier is an experienced business man and will make his new employer a valuable man.

W. S. S.

Baby Buggy Wanted

Must be in good condition. Apply to Phone 732. 48-2t.

CHARGED WITH FALSE SWEARING

John O. Kidd a young man who testified in the trial of Porter C. Eubank at the last term of our court for the defendant, was indicted by the grand jury at the present term charged with false swearing. It is alleged that young Kidd testified that he was in the store room and saw Porter C. Eubank shoot and kill Henry M. Ringo and that he saw Henry M. Ringo throw up his hands and drop a knife from one of his hands after he was shot and saw Steve Henry, a clerk in the store of said Ringo pick up said knife and lay same on shelf under the counter. All of which the commonwealth alleges to be untrue.

Immediately upon a return of the indictment young Kidd was arrested at his home in Kokomo, Indiana and Sheriff John G. Roberts will leave tomorrow for that city to bring him to Mt. Sterling.

W. S. S.

TEACHERS ELECTED MONDAY

At a meeting of the School Board Monday night the following teachers were elected for the coming term. Mrs. Sophia Randal, Misses Lucy Owings, Lucille Hardin, Flo Shirley, Eliza Harris, Elizabeth Dugson, Bessie Robinson, Mattie Hoffman and Vivian Alfrey and Miss Elizabeth Lockridge was elected assistant in the elementary school. In the High school Mrs. Ben R. Turner was elected Principal and Instructor in foreign languages, Miss Mary Welsch, teacher of Mathematics, Miss Alice Cassity, English. There is one other teacher yet to be chosen in the High school. Supt W. O. Hopper was re-elected for a term of two years.

Most of the teachers named above have been connected with the school for some time.

W. S. S.

COUNTY LEVY FIXED

The Fiscal Court met in regular session today and did little business other than the fixing of the county levy for the present year at fifty cents on the hundred dollars worth of taxable property. For many years this levy has been sixty cents and this decrease of sixteen and two-thirds per cent will do much to prevent taxes this year from being much more than they were heretofore, notwithstanding the big boost demanded in valuations by the State Tax Commission.

W. S. S.

JOINS ARMY

Mr. William Wilson, son of Mrs. Lucy Wilson of this city joined the army in Ohio and has been sent to Camp Taylor. Young Wilson spent a few days here last week with relatives.

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MORE SOLDIERS THIS MONTH

Reports That 280,000 Will Be Sent to the Various Camps during June.

Official announcement has been made from Washington that 280,000 men will be called to the colors during June. They will be ordered to report June 4th, but it has not yet been determined to what camps they will be sent as the list of apportionments is at present withheld.

The quota is based on estimate of the space available for the men in camps and cantonments. If the rate of shipment of troops across the seas is raised more than 280,000 will be called, in any event it is said that enough men will be called for special service to bring the number up to 300,000. As yet the local board has received no instructions regarding our quota.

W. S. S.

DESERTER CAPTURED

Billy Waters of Menefee county alleged to be a deserter from the U. S. Army and who it is claimed has been running a moonshine still in Menefee county for several months was captured there and brought to this city Saturday. From the best information we can get Waters went to the home of Mr. Davis Hamilton and began shooting among his stock and when Mr. Hamilton remonstrated with him Waters shot at him twice. Mrs. Hamilton who is a rather large woman grabbed Waters and her husband tied him with a plow line and later telephoned the officers to come after him.

W. S. S.

Notice to the Public!

Anyone wishing to consult me in regard to food regulations or matters pertaining to the work of the food administrator will find me at the office of the Indian Creek Coal & Feed Co., phone 647.

S. S. PINNEY,

Food Ad'm'r. for Montgomery Co.

W. S. S.

BUSINESS SOLD

Mr. J. C. Peters has sold his cleaning and pressing business to Mr. W. K. Bishop who has been in his employ for several months. Mr. Bishop has taken possession and wishes to announce that he will continue to conduct the business along the same high standard set by Mr. Peters and asks the public for a share of their patronage.

W. S. S.

Notice!

All persons having claims against C. F. Keesee, deceased, will at once present same, properly proven to

Henry P. Reid,
48-3t. Administrator.

DO IT NOW!

We have been able to contract for a large tonnage of coal to be received before June 1st. Come in and make arrangements for your requirements as Government contracts will be required of all purchasers. You will remember we urged our customers last fall to lay in a supply before winter. Do not be caught without coal again this year.

The early bird catches the worm

McDonald Bros.

Phone 3

Mt. Sterling, Ky.